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SUBJ: GOVT APPROVES GUIDELINES FOR AMNESTY, RESTORES TRADITIONAL  
GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN TWO BASQUE PROVINCES

1. THE CABINET MEETING MARCH 4 APPROVED GUIDELINES FOR THE  
ADOPTION OF "DISPOSITIONS AND DECISIONS THAT WILL COMPLEMENT  
THE VARIOUS AMNESTY MEASURES ADOPTED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF  
THE REIGN" OF KING JUAN CARLOS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING  
THE MEETING. THE NEW DISPOSITIONS, AIMED AT "CONTINUING TO  
PROMOTE PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AMONG ALL SPANIARDS", ARE TO BE  
SUBMITTED TO THE MARCH 11 CABINET MEETING AND TO GO INTO  
EFFECT IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. ACCORDING TO REPORTS,  
THE PLAN IS TO RELEASE ALL REMAINING POLITICAL PRISONERS,  
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WITH THOSE INVOLVED IN BLOOD CRIMES TO BE EXILED. PRESS  
DISCUSSION HAS NOTED, HOWEVER THAT IF THOSE IN THE  
LATTER CATEGORY REFUSE TO ACCEPT EXILE, THEIR FORCED  
EXPLUSION WOULD FACE A CONSTITUTIONAL OBSTACLE.

2. THE MARCH 4 MEETING ALSO AGREED TO PROPOSE A ROYAL  
DECREE RESTORING THE TRADITIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

(JUNTAS GENERALES) OF THE TWO BASQUE PROVINCES OF VIZCAYA AND GUIPUZCOA. AMCONSUL BILBAO REPORTS THAT INITIAL REACTION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT, ANOTHER GOVT ACTION TO MEET BASQUE DEMANDS, WAS RESTRAINED, WITH PEOPLE WAITING TO SEE WHAT THE ACTUAL EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE ONCE THE ASSEMBLIES WERE ELECTED.EATON

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